



**The Ploughman.**

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## MEETING OF FARMERS.

There will be a "Meeting of Farmers" in the Hall of the Ploughman Building, 45 Milk St., Boston, Saturday, April 17, 1886, commencing at ten o'clock in the forenoon. Subject for discussion, "Ensilage and the Silo." Further particulars next week. All are invited.

## THE FISHERY DISCUSSION.

The present issue of the *Ploughman* gives its readers a full and complete photographic report of the discussion, at the recent Farmers' Meeting, of the subject of "The Fishery and their Relation to Agriculture." It will not fail to read with a very wide interest. Col. Wm. of Gloucester led with a carefully prepared speech, in which he exposed the close nature of the meeting, and an animated and highly instructive discussion followed. Among those participating in the discussion was Mr. Wilcox, of the Fisheries Commission. It will thus be seen, however, that the men who mainly carried on the discussion are practically acquainted with the subject and capable of imparting to it the fullest measure of interest and instruction. The statement made of the comparative prices of fishing and agricultural products will compel thought. The old reciprocity, related to the fisheries, furnished the chief topic of Mr. Wilcox's remarks. The use of fish as a fertilizer as well as for food is likewise discussed, and with profit to all farmers living within reach of the coast. The report will be read with an eager interest.

## "ENSILAGE" AND "SILO" DISCUSSION.

At the next Farmers' Meeting to be held in the Ploughman Building, Saturday, April 17th, will be discussed the live subject of "Ensilage and Silo." Those who have had practical experience with the ensilage system are expected to tell their stories plainly, not leading out their disappointments or timely criticisms. The committee in charge are engaged in securing distinguished farmers to speak as experts on the subject, and they expect to present a highly interesting list to the meeting which will be held on the 21st inst. The silo, it is now generally admitted among farmers, has come to stay. The principle it contains is an old one in the history of civilization, so that its re-appearance in our times is to be regarded as but the wise adoption of what has been tested and proven long ago. Of course, in viewing a new form of practice of this kind, we must bear in mind that there will be errors both of omission and commission, and it is indispensable in the choice of his successor, for the purpose of eliminating all such errors from practice that comparative statements are sought from those who have taken part in the revival. The meeting is expected to yield unusual interest both on account of the subject itself and the instructive character of the discussion.

## LAST SATURDAY'S MEETING.

The Farmers' Meeting in the *Ploughman* Building, on Saturday, last April 3, was very fairly attended, considering the unpropitious state of the weather, and the interest awakened at its opening was continued to the end. The subject treated was "The Horse in Agriculture." Secretary Russell, in his address, was mainly occupied through his historical remarks to the question of the attitude of Greece toward Turkey, to put out from the harbor of St. John and cruise watchfully over the New Brunswick and Nova Scotia coasts, to catch any Yankee fishermen that may be found plying their vocation within the three-mile limit. A couple of Gloucester fishermen, however, were not so fortunate as to be successful in their efforts to capture the horses, but were captured by the order. It turned out that they were only trying up native crews in the Provinces for the season's work, as they had been in the habit of doing without molestation.

The Provincial fishermen who want to secure employment are the sufferers even more than our own. In addition to this, the Nova Scotians sell bait, ice, and other kinds of supplies, to our fishermen, a trade which now find interdicted by this forced revival by Canada, without the imperial authority, of the Act of 1818. Notwithstanding all these difficulties, the Nova Scotians are still anxious to have a market for their fish, and are not likely that one of these days will be unable to find a market for their fish.

It is for the wiser and more expert readers in public to discuss the true cause or causes of the prevailing trouble, so that effective remedies may be applied and a general state of things restored.

THE BUSINESS SITUATION.

The long standing dispute over the coast fisheries is fully reopened by the recent action of the Canadian Government, which has ordered its entire naval fleet, consisting of the single steamer *Lansdowne*, to put out from the harbor of St. John and cruise watchfully over the Nova Scotia coast, to catch any Yankee fishermen that may be found plying their vocation within the three-mile limit.

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THE CAUSE OF IRELAND.

While the parliamentary fund, so-called continues to accumulate in this country, the purpose of enabling the *Parnell party* in Ireland to maintain their case in Ireland.

Mr. Gladstone is losing two members of his cabinet, and the uncertainty attending the election of a new prime minister, and the promise more wary, until at last his return, to the parliament, continues to give the impression that the home rule would come up first for parliamentary disposal.

That all misapprehensions concerning Sec-

retary Wilder's future intentions may at once be removed, we have the best reason to feel assured, on consultation with members

of the State Board, that if measures for his temporary relief from the arduous service to which he has given his powers are proffered him, and an opportunity is afforded him to bridge over the apprehended effects of his prolonged over-exertion, he would reluctantly consent to continue his official relations to the Board and his more valuable services to the agricultural interests of the State, so long as he is satisfied that they are in general request.

## THE FARMERS COMPLAINING.

The farmers appear to be the only class of people who are forbidden to go out on a strike. Conditions and circumstances all combine to forbid it. Take the great milk farmers of Orange County, New York, for an illustration; they want better pay for the staple article they supply to consumers—that is, they want higher wages for their labor, and they find themselves wholly unable to bring it about. They represent their condition as one of almost actual distress.

It is their principal agricultural product, the New York City is their chief market. The *Times* of New York says that they have voted to confound the Massachusetts Agricultural Club with its more valuable services to the agricultural interests of the State, so long as he is satisfied that they are in general request.

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Mr. Farnell is reported to demand home  
rule for Scotland. The Fall Mall Gazette  
warns Mr. Gladstone that his followers will  
not support him beyond the grant to Ireland  
of a form of home rule similar to that existing in  
the United States.

The New Jersey legislature also has passed  
a bill, similar to one in operation in Massa-

chusetts, providing for the right of physi-

cology and hygiene in public schools, with  
special reference to the effect of narcotics and  
stimulants on the human system.

The London Lancet says that children  
who are allowed to go barefoot are altogether  
healthier than those who, in obedience to the  
usage of social life, have their lower extremities  
permanently invalid, and so, to say,  
wholly swathed and put away in rigid cases.

There are indications of a revolt against  
the indiscriminate employment of the "boycott"  
by labor organizations. Mr. Powderly, in his  
address to the Knights of Labor, demands that  
"boycott must be avoided." It is a practice  
wholly out of harmony with American institutions.

So far, the weather is pronounced very  
favorable for the growing winter wheat, and  
should such a condition of the crop continue  
throughout the spring, the chances are that  
the acreage of spring wheat will be decreased;  
whereas it was increasing a year ago, on the  
unfavorable reports from winter wheat.

The recent inventions of an ingenious farmer  
in Connecticut, who connects with a farm in  
the state, is the "Milk Wheel," which is a  
crank wheel which, when turned, turns a wheel  
in the rear of his wagon, which is attached to  
the front of his wagon, turns his horse for a ride, and  
rides home in due time with a nice meal of  
butter that has "come" without any trouble to  
anybody.

—Timely remark by the Boston Advertiser:

"One point will be gained toward the solution  
of the problem with which we have to do  
when working out a plan of government  
and social organization, and that is to  
stand up to the difficulties arise not so much  
from the injustice of man as from the force of  
circumstances. It is safe to say that there are  
extremely few men in the whole country who  
would not be heartily glad to see every wage-  
earner prosperous and happy."

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## The Poet's Corner.

THE STORM KING.

BY GRACE DENIS LITCHFIELD.

Stand back! Stand back!

From my great track!

Sweep the gray dust from the way!

See the pale grass bend!

Hush! I am Lord of the day!

I am Master and King.

Over everything!

I am the Earth must obey!

Weave me a cloak!

Of that cloud's black trown,

Which shall keep me warm as I go.

Pluck me a whip!

To ride your ship,

And a staff from that forest below,

And this tall church spire

In the distance.

For the art of it set me in my bow.

I am King! I am King!

The whole world shall ring

My mad coronation bell!

Men's hearts are quaking;

I will go, oh! strong and well;

Boat, boat, the drum!

Let the trumpet my advent tell!

Hark! Note and far,

Or blosoming, or curse or prayer.

None knows what I speak,

These lips are sealed,

None interprets the message I bear.

I rave and I rage,

And earth's wide sage

Hear me, then the bruit he fair!

I am King!

And to one or three.

I then thought of the fags,

Or end of the hangman's rope.

I see no more my way!

Then I laid me down and back!

Sweep the dust from my track!

I am monarch, and earth must obey!

—Independent.

## Ladies' Department.

## A DELICATE SITUATION.

From All This Year.

I must confess this year, with a most painful admission, that my wife is a confirmed kleptomaniac. In all other respects she is an admirable woman, though I say it shouldn't be said—least in private—yet she is too prepossessing to be entirely despised.

So far as I can see, she is subject merely to some mental disorder, she is continually bringing home other people's property.

Nothing, I am quite sure, could be further from her gentle disposition than the vice of covetousness. She does not take things because she wants them; she steals them because they are attractive to her, can supply, &amp; yet, owing to some distressing mental disorder, she is continually bringing home other people's property.

She still has the most perfect repugnance for the law, though she sees me do anything to restore it to the lawful owner, she invariably regards me with mute reproach.

I first discovered her during our honeymoon, which was spent in the north of England. We were in a jeweler's shop at the time, and a diamond ring had mysteriously disappeared. But, although Maria was not then a kleptomaniac, she was continually taking articles of no earthly value, she prefers jewelry, as being at once popular and pleasant to look upon.

"What's that?" said Miss White.

"It's a ring," said Mrs. Dark, scowling.

"I don't mind mine," said Miss White.

I fished out my ring, and showed it to her. She looked at me with a quizzical expression.

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